

Fund manager

Manager name	David Katimbo Mugwanyana
Start date	01/09/2016

Investment Objective and policy

The Fund aims to provide an attractive level of income. The Fund seeks to invest in a highly diversified portfolio of Government and good quality fixed interest securities issued by companies which make a positive contribution to society and the environment through sustainable and socially responsible practices.

Quick stats

Launch date	18/02/2008
Sector	IMA Sterling Strategic Bond
Currency	GBP
Price	94.40 (as at 31/05/2022)
Fund size	£79.07m (as at 31/10/2014)
Number of holdings	91
Distribution yield*	4.94% (as at 31/10/2014)
Dividends	28/02, 31/05, 31/08, 30/11
Min. investment	£200
ISA / PEP	Yes
Sedol code	B2PF8B0
ISIN code	GB00B2PF8B06
Citi code	BGR7
AMC	1.25%
Initial charge	3.75%
Ongoing Charges	1.38%
Ongoing Charges as at	30/06/2014
Underlying Yield**	3.60%
FE Risk Score	56

Ratings



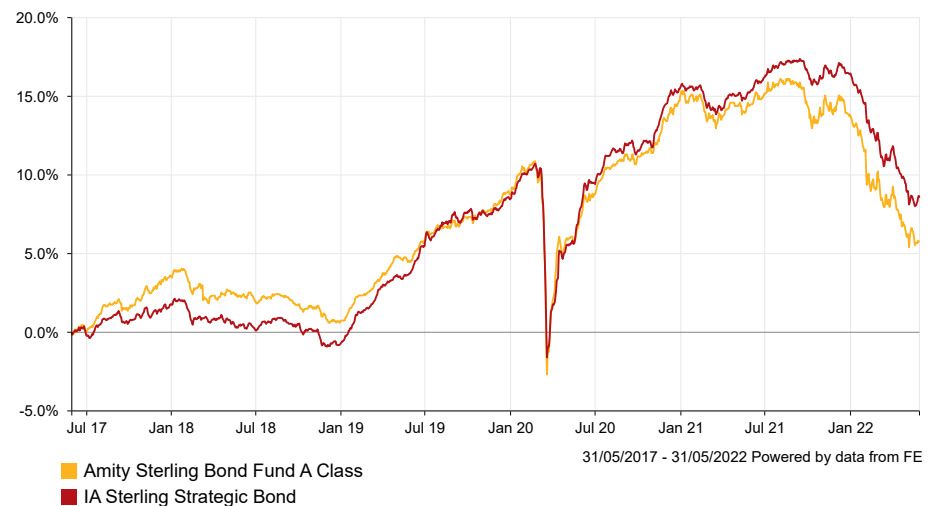
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Fund manager commentary - Chris Hiorns and Rob Hepworth

10 year gilt yields fell sharply in the first half of the month and although it recovered in the latter half of the month, it finished the month at a new low for the year at 2.3%. This decline was driven by inflation (both in the UK and internationally) continuing to come in below expectations, weak wage growth, deflationary pressure on the UK economy from the slowdown in Europe and falling commodity prices. Continued geopolitical tensions in the Middle East and Ukraine have also increased risk aversion supporting the gilt market. The prospect of the Bank of England raising base rates is becoming increasingly distant and now looks unlikely until well into the second half of 2015. In the corporate bond market credit spreads have continued to widen sharply both due to increasing macroeconomic risks from a slowdown in the Eurozone and increased risk aversion but corporate bond yields remain close to record lows.

The sharp fall in gilt yields over the last few months have left the gilt market looking expensive especially given the relatively buoyant state of the UK economy and consequently we have decided to raise the liquidity of the Fund by increasing holdings in short dated gilts. The only transaction for the month was the purchase of a holding in the Treasury 2% 2016.

5 years past performance



Cumulative performance (%)

	1 mth	3 mths	6 mths	1 yr	3 yrs	5 yrs
Fund	2.6	0.9	8.6	7.5	-6.8	2.3
Sector	1.6	1.0	7.8	7.2	-1.1	9.7
Quartile rank	1	2	2	2	3	3

Discrete performance (%)

	Mar 21 - Mar 22	Mar 20 - Mar 21	Mar 19 - Mar 20	Mar 18 - Mar 19	Mar 17 - Mar 18
Fund	7.5	-9.4	-4.3	11.6	-1.7
Sector	7.2	-5.7	-2.2	12.4	-1.3
Quartile rank	2	4	3	2	2

Performance data from Financial Express.

Source: FE, bid to bid with net income re-invested. Past performance should not be seen as a guide to future performance. The value of an investment and the income from it can fall as well as rise as a result of market and currency fluctuations, you may not get back the amount originally invested.

The Distribution Yield* reflects the amounts that may be expected to be distributed over the next 12 months as a percentage of the mid-market unit price of the fund as at the date shown. The Underlying Yield** reflects the annualised income net of expenses of the fund (calculated in accordance with relevant accounting standards) as a percentage of the midmarket unit price of the fund as at the date shown. Both Yields are based on a snapshot of the portfolio on that day. The yields do not include any preliminary charge and investors may be subject to tax on distributions. The Distribution Yield is higher than the Underlying Yield because the fund's expenses are charged to capital. This has the effect of increasing the distributions for the year and constraining the fund's capital performance to an equivalent extent.

Top 10 holdings (as at 31/05/2022)

Name	Weighting
SMITH(DS) PLC 2.875% MTN 26/07/29 GBP100000	1.32%
SSE PLC 3.74%-FR SUB PERP GBP100000	1.30%
PHOENIX GROUP HLDGS PLC 5.867% SUB NTS 13/06/29 GBP100000 T2	1.29%
HISCOX 6.125%-FRN SUB 24/11/45 GBP	1.28%
TRAVIS PERKINS PLC 4.5% GTD NTS 07/09/23 GBP100000	1.26%
PRS FINANCE PLC 1.75% GTD SEC BDS 24/11/26 GBP200000	1.26%
CO-OPERATIVE GROUP LTD 11% FINAL REPAYMNT SUB NTS 22/12/25 GBP1	1.25%
STANDARD CHARTERED PLC 5.125% DTD SUBORD NTS 06/06/34 GBP100000	1.23%
VODAFONE GROUP 4.875%-FRN SUB 03/10/78 GBP	1.23%
CLOSE BROTHERS FINANCE PLC 1.625% NTS 03/12/30 GBP100000	1.21%

Asset breakdown (as at 31/05/2022)

Global Corporate Fixed Interest	84.68%
Supranational Fixed Interest	3.80%
Global Fixed Interest	3.30%
Preference Shares	3.17%
Global Government Fixed Interest	3.13%
Money Market	1.39%
Others	0.53%

Sector breakdown (as at 31/05/2022)

Financials	52.19%
Consumer Discretionary	11.47%
Government Bonds	6.93%
Utilities	6.72%
Consumer Staples	5.40%
Real Estate	5.31%
Communications	4.75%
Industrials	4.25%
Others	1.60%
Money Market	1.39%

Regional breakdown (as at 31/05/2022)

UK	85.25%
France	4.40%
International	3.80%
Bermuda	2.22%
Money Market	1.39%
Netherlands	1.37%
Finland	0.81%
Jersey	0.39%
Norway	0.38%

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